# STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY DIVISION OF INSURANCE

## Fees for Public Records Requests Effective October 8, 2011

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### Additional fees may apply if a request is deemed 'extraordinary'. See Nevada Revised Statute ("NRS") 239.055 below.

#### NRS 239.005 Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1. "Actual cost" means the direct cost related to the reproduction of a public record. The term does not include a cost that a governmental entity incurs regardless of whether or not a person requests a copy of a particular public record.
  - 2. "Committee" means the Committee to Approve Schedules for the Retention and Disposition of Official State Records.
  - 3. "Division" means the Division of State Library and Archives of the Department of Cultural Affairs.
  - 4. "Governmental entity" means:
  - (a) An elected or appointed officer of this State or of a political subdivision of this State;
- (b) An institution, board, commission, bureau, council, department, division, authority or other unit of government of this State or of a political subdivision of this State;
  - (c) A university foundation, as defined in NRS 396.405; or
  - (d) An educational foundation, as defined in NRS 388.750, to the extent that the foundation is dedicated to the assistance of public schools.
  - (Added to NRS by 1977, 455; A 1979, 179; 1983, 1298; 1985, 126; 1993, 209, 1538; 1995, 511; 1997, 2385; 2001, 936)

### NRS 239.010 Public books and public records open to inspection; confidential information in public books and records; copyrighted books and records; copies to be provided in medium requested.

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, all public books and public records of a governmental entity, the contents of which are not otherwise declared by law to be confidential, must be open at all times during office hours to inspection by any person, and may be fully copied or an abstract or memorandum may be prepared from those public books and public records. Any such copies, abstracts or memoranda may be used to supply the general public with copies, abstracts or memoranda of the records or may be used in any other way to the advantage of the governmental entity or of the general public. This section does not supersede or in any manner affect the federal laws governing copyrights or enlarge, diminish or affect in any other manner the rights of a person in any written book or record which is copyrighted pursuant to federal law.

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- 2. A governmental entity may not reject a book or record which is copyrighted solely because it is copyrighted.
- 3. A governmental entity that has legal custody or control of a public book or record shall not deny a request made pursuant to subsection 1 to inspect or copy a public book or record on the basis that the requested public book or record contains information that is confidential if the governmental entity can redact, delete, conceal or separate the confidential information from the information included in the public book or record that is not otherwise confidential.
- 4. A person may request a copy of a public record in any medium in which the public record is readily available. An officer, employee or agent of a governmental entity who has legal custody or control of a public record shall not refuse to provide a copy of that public record in a readily available medium because the officer, employee or agent has already prepared or would prefer to provide the copy in a different medium.

[1:149:1911; RL § 3232; NCL § 5620]—(NRS A 1963, 26; 1965, 69; 1993, 1230, 2307, 2623; 1995, 503, 716; 1997, 2386; 1999, 1210; 2007, 2062)

### NRS 239.052 Fees: Limitations; waiver; posting of sign or notice.

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a governmental entity may charge a fee for providing a copy of a public record. Such a fee must not exceed the actual cost to the governmental entity to provide the copy of the public record unless a specific statute or regulation sets a fee that the governmental entity must charge for the copy. A governmental entity shall not charge a fee for providing a copy of a public record if a specific statute or regulation requires the governmental entity to provide the copy without charge.
  - 2. A governmental entity may waive all or a portion of a charge or fee for a copy of a public record if the governmental entity:
  - (a) Adopts a written policy to waive all or a portion of a charge or fee for a copy of a public record; and
- (b) Posts, in a conspicuous place at each office in which the governmental entity provides copies of public records, a legible sign or notice that states the terms of the policy.
- 3. A governmental entity shall prepare and maintain a list of the fees that it charges at each office in which the governmental entity provides copies of public records. A governmental entity shall post, in a conspicuous place at each office in which the governmental entity provides copies of public records, a legible sign or notice which states:
  - (a) The fee that the governmental entity charges to provide a copy of a public record; or
  - (b) The location at which a list of each fee that the governmental entity charges to provide a copy of a public record may be obtained. (Added to NRS by 1997, 2384)

### NRS 239.055 Additional fee when extraordinary use of personnel or resources is required.

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 239.054 regarding information provided from a geographic information system, if a request for a copy of a public record would require a governmental entity to make extraordinary use of its personnel or technological resources, the governmental entity may, in addition to any other fee authorized pursuant to this chapter, charge a fee for such extraordinary use. Upon receiving such a request, the governmental entity shall inform the requester of the amount of the fee before preparing the requested information. The fee charged by the governmental entity must be reasonable and must be based on the cost that the governmental entity actually incurs for the extraordinary use of its personnel or technological resources. The governmental entity shall not charge such a fee if the governmental entity is not required to make extraordinary use of its personnel or technological resources to fulfill additional requests for the same information.
- 2. As used in this section, "technological resources" means any information, information system or information service acquired, developed, operated, maintained or otherwise used by a governmental entity.

(Added to NRS by 1997, 2384)